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TAGS: PDIP, CT
SUBJ: NEW RESTRICTION ON MOVEMENT OF DIPLOMATS IN CAE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED JULY 23 REQUIRING THREE WEEKS
ADVANCE NOTICE AND PRIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVAL FOR ANY TRIP
TO THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY (I.E. OUTSIDE BANGUI). PREVIOUS
REQUIREMENT WAS FOR 8 DAYS NOTICE ONLY, AND OUR PRACTICE WAS

ALWAYS TO GIVE NOTICE BUT SOMETIMES LESS THAN EIGHT DAYS.
ALTHOUGH NEW NOTE IS IMPRECISE, EVENTS SINCE JULY 23 INDICATE
THAT IT APPLIES BOTH TO HEADS OF MISSION AND TO OTHER EMBASSY
STAFF. (CHARGE WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO VISIT PEACE CORPS VOLUN-
TEER TRAINEES IN MBAIKI AND SOVIET AND ROMANIAN DIPLOMATS WERE
EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED FROM GOING TO THEIR NORMAL PICNIC SITES
NEAR MBAIKI.)

2. THIS NEW REQUIREMENT IS ONE OF SEVERAL INDICATORS OF
GENERALLY HEIGHTENED SECURITY SENSITIVITY, POSSIBLY CONNECTED
WITH THE APPROACHING CORONATION. THE THREE WEEKS PRIOR NOTICE
AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENT MAY BE RELAXED IN TIME, BUT THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL SUDDENLY AGAIN BE ENFORCED
OR USED AS A PRETEXT FOR HARASSMENT. WE AND OUR DIPLOMATIC
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COLLEAGUES ARE CONCERNED SINCE THIS WILL MAKE TRAVEL OUTSIDE
BANGUI DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE AND THEREFORE WILL INCREASE
THE HARDSHIP OF LIFE IN BANGUI.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS SENT NOTE TO PARIS FOR COMMENT AND
CAMEROONIAN AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMALLY RAISED IT WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER WITHOUT RECEIVING ANY RESPONSE. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THE

REQUIREMENT WITH COLLEAGUES IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS BUT FIRST
WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT FROM DEPARTMENT ABOUT HOW UNUSUAL SUCH
A RESTRICTION IS, PRACTICE IN DEALING WITH SUCH RESTRICTIONS
ELSEWHERE, POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING RECIPROCAL RESTRICTIONS,
ETC.
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